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In re application of

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OPTICAL DISK, METHOD FOR
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO AND
FROM OPTICAL DISK, REPRODUCING
APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL DISK, AND
RECORDING AND REPRODUCING
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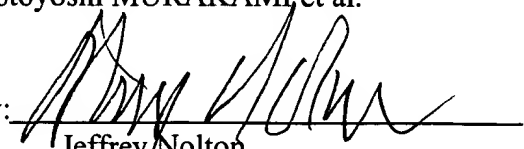
Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed in the enclosed form PTO-1449. Enclosed are copies of such references. Also enclosed are copies of respective English language abstracts, thereby providing statements of relevance.

Respectfully submitted,

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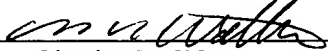
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 - d. ☐ the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. ☐ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
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